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AIDIT AND YUSUF RONI

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FOLLOWING REPRESENTS LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO
EMBASSY ON TWO INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT OF CONGRESSIONAL
INQUIRIES REPORTED REFTEL.

A. SUTANTI AIDIT IS THE WIFE OF D.N. AIDIT,
FORMERLY CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMU-
NIST PARTY OF INDONESIA (PKI). D.N. AIDIT WAS EXECUTED
FOLLOWING THE ATTEMPTED COUP OF 1965. SUTANTI'S FATE IS
NOT KNOWN. SHE WAS BORN NOVEMBER 1, 1923 IN SUNGAI LIAT,
BANGKA SHE WAS A PKI MEMBER AND A CONSULTANT IN RADIO-
BIOLOGY FOR NATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (NAEA). SHE
WAS DISMISSED DISHONORABLY FROM NAEA FOR HER COMMUNIST
CONNECTIONS.

B. YUSUF RONI IS A CONVERT FROM ISLAM TO CHRISTIANITY
WHO WAS A SEMINARIAN IN MALANG (EAST JAVA) UNTIL HIS
ARREST RECENTLY. WE HAVE NO FIRM INFORMATION ON HIS
PLACE OF DETENTION. HE REPORTEDLY MADE TAPE RECORDINGS
HARSHLY CRITICAL OF ISLAM, APPARENTLY IN MOST DEROGATORY
TERMS. RONI'S TAPES REPORTEDLY INFURIATED THE MUSLIMS
IN ANST JAVA, WHERE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE ANTI-CHRISTIAN
SENTIMENT. HE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH INCITING RELIGIOUS
STRIFE.

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